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Idaho Winter Wheat Production Down 4 Percent

Idaho's 2006 winter wheat production is forecast at 63.9 million bushels, 4 percent lower than last year, but up 1 percent from the 2004 crop. Based on May 1 conditions, yield is estimated at 90.0 bushels per acre, down 1 bushel from last year's record yield. Acres expected to be harvested are set at 710,000 acres, a decrease of 20,000 acres from 2005.

Idaho's May 1 hay stocks totaled 375,000 tons, down 30 percent from May 1, 2005. Hay production during 2005 was up 1 percent from the previous year.

Nationally, winter wheat production is forecast at 1.32 billion bushels, down 12 percent from 2005. Based on May 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 42.4 bushels per acre, 2.0 bushels per acre less than last year. Grain area totals 31.2 million acres, down 8 percent from last season.

Hard Red production is down 23 percent from a year ago to 715 million bushels. Soft Red is up 15 percent and totals 356 million bushels. White production totals 252 million bushels, down 3 percent from a year ago. Of the White production total, 21.7 million bushels are Hard White and 230 million bushels are Soft White.

Hay stocks totaled 21.3 million tons on May 1, 2006, down 23 percent from the previous year. The largest decreases in May 1 stocks compared with last year occurred in Texas and Missouri, where drought conditions continued through the winter and this spring.

Winter Wheat: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production Selected States and United States, 2004-2005 and Forecasted May 1, 2006

State	Area Harvested			Yield			Production		
	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006
	1,000 Acres			Bushels			Thousands		
Arkansas	620	160	300	53.0	52.0	54.0	32,860	8,320	16,200
California	320	300	220	85.0	72.0	60.0	27,200	21,600	13,200
Colorado	1,700	2,200	2,000	27.0	24.0	27.0	45,900	52,800	54,000
IDAHO	700	730	710	90.0	91.0	90.0	63,000	66,430	63,900
Illinois	900	600	870	59.0	61.0	63.0	53,100	36,600	54,810
Indiana	440	340	450	62.0	72.0	69.0	27,280	24,480	31,050
Kansas	8,500	9,500	9,400	37.0	40.0	34.0	314,500	380,000	319,600
Kentucky	380	300	310	54.0	68.0	68.0	20,520	20,400	21,080
Michigan	640	590	580	64.0	66.0	68.0	40,960	38,940	39,440
Missouri	930	540	870	52.0	54.0	53.0	48,360	29,160	46,110
Montana	1,630	2,100	1,950	41.0	45.0	42.0	66,830	94,500	81,900
Nebraska	1,650	1,760	1,650	37.0	39.0	38.0	61,050	68,640	62,700
North Carolina	460	435	440	50.0	57.0	48.0	23,000	24,795	21,120
Ohio	890	830	960	62.0	71.0	69.0	55,180	58,930	66,240
Oklahoma	4,700	4,000	3,100	35.0	32.0	22.0	164,500	128,000	68,200
Oregon	780	780	760	61.0	61.0	55.0	47,580	47,580	41,800
South Dakota	1,250	1,490	1,250	45.0	44.0	45.0	56,250	65,560	56,250
Tennessee	280	150	190	49.0	56.0	56.0	13,720	8,400	10,640
Texas	3,500	3,000	1,300	31.0	32.0	27.0	108,500	96,000	35,100
Washington	1,750	1,800	1,800	67.0	67.0	68.0	117,250	120,600	122,400
UNITED STATES	34,462	33,794	31,177	43.5	44.4	42.4	1,499,434	1,499,129	1,322,831

Mid-April Prices Received by Farmers

Preliminary indications of prices received by Idaho farmers for the month of April showed increases for all barley, potatoes, all wheat, and dry beans. Prices decreased for alfalfa hay, feed barley, beef cattle, cows, calves, steers and heifers. Prices remained unchanged for all milk.

For the U.S., the Preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in April, at 115, based on 1990-92=100, increased 1 point (0.9percent) from March. Producers received higher commodity prices for lettuce, tomatoes, onions and strawberries. Lower prices were received for broilers, cattle, eggs, and hogs.

Prices Received by Farmers for Selected Commodities, April 2005-April 2006

Commodity	Unit	Idaho			Unites States			
		April 2005	March 2006	April 2006 ^{1/}	April 2005	March 2006	April 2006	
							Price ^{1/}	% Parity
CROPS:								
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	107.00	112.00	110.00	105.00	100.00	110.00	--
Barley, All	Bu.	3.04	3.08	3.11	2.26	2.71	2.67	37
Feed	Bu.	2.12	2.05	2.00	1.56	1.80	1.74	--
Malting	Bu.	3.40	3.23	^{10/}	2.76	2.93	3.01	--
Dry Beans	Cwt.	25.90	18.40	18.70	28.70	17.10	19.40	35
Potatoes ^{2/}	Cwt.	4.40	6.20	6.40	6.20	8.21	8.66	54
Fresh ^{3/}	Cwt.	2.30	6.60	--	7.22	12.42	--	--
Processing	Cwt.	4.40	5.10	--	5.47	5.82	--	--
Wheat, All	Bu.	3.60	3.37	3.41	3.35	3.79	3.90	37
LIVESTOCK & PRODUCTS:								
Beef Cattle ^{4/}	Cwt.	86.50	80.90	78.60	93.70	88.10	85.20	44
Cows ^{5/}	Cwt.	55.80	47.50	46.80	57.00	49.50	48.70	--
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	96.20	91.40	88.70	98.10	93.00	89.70	--
Calves	Cwt.	130.00	130.00	128.00	141.00	138.00	136.00	51
Lambs	Cwt.	109.00	76.00	--	114.00	91.10	--	--
Milk, All ^{6/}	Cwt.	14.80	11.00	11.00	15.20	12.60	^{7/} 12.10	^{8/} 31
Fluid Grade ^{9/}	Cwt.	14.80	11.00	--	15.20	12.60	^{7/} 12.20	--
Mfg. Grade	Cwt.	14.50	10.90	--	14.70	11.50	^{7/} 11.40	--

1/ Mid-month price. 2/ Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed and livestock feed. 3/ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock prices. 4/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined. 5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 6/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. 7/ Fat test percent: all milk 3.68, fluid milk 3.67, mfg grade 3.96. 8/ Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price. 9/ Includes milk diverted to manufacturing. 10/ Not Published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	March 2005	April 2005	March 2006		April 2006 Preliminary
			Preliminary	Revised	
Prices Received	119	121	113	114	115
Prices Paid	139	140	144	146	147
Ratio ^{1/}	86	86	78	78	78

1/ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid by farmers.

Idaho Milk Production Up 7.8 Percent

Idaho milk production during April 2006 totaled 884 million pounds, a 7.8 percent increase from the same month last year, but down 11 million pounds from March 2006. Revised production for March 2006 totaled 895 million pounds, up 2 million pounds from the preliminary estimate and 8.0 percent above March 2005. Average milk production per cow in April 2006 was 1,850 pounds, down 30 pounds from March 2006, and unchanged from April 2005. The average number of milk cows during April was 478,000 head, up 2,000 head from March 2006, and up 35,000 head from April 2005.

Milk production in the 23 major States during April totaled 14.2 billion pounds, up 3.7 percent from April 2005. March revised production, at 14.6 billion pounds, was up 5.6 percent from March 2005. The March revision represented an increase of 25 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,727 pounds for April, 37 pounds above April 2005. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.24 million head, 124,000 head more than April 2005, and 13,000 head more than March 2006.

Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, April 2005-2006

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		Change From 2005
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	164	172	2,060	2,145	338	369	9.2
California	1,747	1,788	1,825	1,850	3,188	3,308	3.8
Colorado	103	108	1,865	1,900	192	205	6.8
Florida	138	133	1,570	1,590	217	211	-2.8
IDAHO	443	478	1,850	1,850	820	884	7.8
Illinois	105	103	1,605	1,650	169	170	0.6
Indiana	157	164	1,780	1,715	279	281	0.7
Iowa	192	200	1,775	1,765	341	353	3.5
Kansas	111	112	1,755	1,810	195	203	4.1
Kentucky	107	99	1,150	1,280	123	127	3.3
Michigan	311	317	1,830	1,855	569	588	3.3
Minnesota	455	450	1,540	1,575	701	709	1.1
Missouri	119	116	1,430	1,500	170	174	2.4
New Mexico	323	349	1,780	1,875	575	654	13.7
New York	646	649	1,565	1,590	1,011	1,032	2.1
Ohio	269	273	1,520	1,530	409	418	2.2
Oregon	121	121	1,610	1,530	195	185	-5.1
Pennsylvania	563	557	1,600	1,650	901	919	2.0
Texas	319	328	1,780	1,935	568	635	11.8
Vermont	144	143	1,570	1,560	226	223	-1.3
Virginia	105	103	1,485	1,535	156	158	1.3
Washington	241	237	1,965	1,955	474	463	-2.3
Wisconsin	1,234	1,241	1,540	1,580	1,900	1,961	3.2
23 STATE TOTAL	8,117	8,241	1,690	1,727	13,717	14,230	3.7

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

U.S. Dairy Products March 2006 Highlights

Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 810 million pounds, 1.5 percent above March 2005 and 12.3 percent above February 2006.

Italian type cheese production totaled 343 million pounds, up 1.4 percent for March 2005 and 11.6 percent above February 2006.

American type cheese production totaled 338 million pounds, 2.1 percent above March 2005 and 11.2 percent above February 2006.

Butter production was 142 million pounds in March, 16.0 percent above March 2005 and 3.7 percent above February 2006.

Frozen dessert: (comparisons with March 2005)

Ice cream

Regular (hard) ---77.9 million gallons, down 1.1 percent.

Lowfat (total)---32.4 million gallons, down 1.7 percent

Nonfat (hard) --- 1.61 million gallons, down 4.7 percent.

Sherbet (hard) --- 4.49 million gallons, down 8.9 percent.

Frozen Yogurt (total) --- 6.06 million gallons, up 2.0 percent.

Nonfat dry milk for human food: (compared with March 2005) -
-- 128 million pounds, up 17.2 percent.

Idaho Onion Acreage Intentions

Onion acreage planted in Idaho is expected to be 9,900 acres, a 2 percent increase from the 2005 acreage. Producers in Malheur County, Oregon are expected to plant 11,800 acres, up 4 percent from last year. Onion plantings in other Oregon counties are expected to total 7,900 acres, 3 percent above 2005. Total non-storage and storage acreage in Washington is estimated to be 20,400 acres, down 2 percent from last year.

Nationally, growers intend to plant 171,100 acres of onions in 2006, a 1 percent increase from 2005. Spring onion producers planted 40,200 acres, up 1 percent from last year and 1 percent above 2004. Summer, non-storage acreage is expected to total 20,500 acres, up slightly from 2005, but 14 percent below 2004. Summer storage onion producers intend to plant 110,400 acres this year, up 1 percent from 2005, but 5 percent below 2004 acreage.

Onions: Area Planted by Season, State, and United States, 2004-2006

Season and State	Acres			2006 as a Percent of 2005
	2004	2005	2006	
Spring 1/ Summer 1/	39,900	40,000	40,200	101
Non-storage				
California	8,800	9,100	9,200	101
Nevada	3,400	2,400	2,400	100
New Mexico	7,300	6,500	6,500	100
Texas	2,900	1,000	1,000	100
Washington 2/	1,500	1,400	1,400	100
Summer Non-Storage Total	23,900	20,400	20,500	100
Storage				
California 3/	30,900	28,900	29,900	103
Colorado	12,500	10,000	10,500	105
IDAHO	11,000	9,700	9,900	102
Michigan	3,700	3,800	3,900	103
Minnesota 4/ 5/				
New York	13,500	13,800	13,400	97
Oregon				
Malheur	12,500	11,400	11,800	104
Other	7,400	7,700	7,900	103
Utah 6/	1,600			
Washington	20,000	19,500	19,000	97
Wisconsin	2,000	2,000	2,000	100
Other States 7/	700	2,020	2,100	
Summer Storage Total	115,800	108,820	110,400	101
Summer Total	139,700	129,220	130,900	101
United States	179,600	169,220	171,100	101

1/ Primarily fresh market. 2/ Includes Walla Walla and other non-storage onions. 3/ Primarily dehydrated and other processing. 4/ 2004 data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. 5/ Estimate discontinued in 2005. 6/ 2005 and 2006 data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. 7/ 2004 - MN and OH. 2005 - OH and UT. 2006 - OH and UT.